Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Then where is the difficulty in giving their number ?

Third Member of Council.—

This is a very small community and it is included under other caste Hindus.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

How many castes are included in other caste Hindus ?

Third Member of Council.—

Probably about 50.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Every question has a purpose behind it. Will a list of each minor community be maintained in the Central Recruitment Board Office at least in future ?

Third Member of Council.—

We shall see if it is possible.

MESSRS. S. LINGAPPA and G. KANCHAPPA (Chiknaikanhalli Taluk) and PATTABHIRAMA SETTY (Chiknaikanhalli Municipality).—

Q.—18. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The total number of middle schools in the State—Districtwar ?

(*b*) The total number of middle schools sanctioned by Government since the year 1924 ?

(*c*) The total strength of the students in the middle schools (communitywar) all over the State ?

(*d*) The total number of boys who appeared for the Lower Secondary Examination in Kannada and English, (Districtwar) and the number of successful candidates thereat ?

SECRTEARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—18. (*a*), (*c*) and (*d*) Information is placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix VI.)

(*b*) 137.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. S. Lingappa.—

What progress has been made in opening a Middle School in Chicknaikanhalli ?

Third Member of Council.—

It is not possible to give information about individual cases.

Mr. S. Lingappa.—

With reference to answer given to (*d*) are not the results of the Kannada Lower Secondary examinations unsatisfactory ? Have Government any reasons for this ?

Third Member of Council.—

That is because the students are trained in Incomplete Middle Schools where the staff and equipment are not very satisfactory.

Mr. S. Lingappa.—

Can training of students for the Lower Secondary examinations be arranged for in Primary Schools?

Third Member of Council.—

It will be still worse. A teacher who has passed the Lower Secondary Examination cannot teach students for the same examination.

Mr. Lingappa.—

According to the statistics given, even one-third of the number of students for the Kannada Lower Secondary Examination has not passed.

Third Member of Council.—

That is because they do not study in proper schools where they can get proper tuition.

Mr. Lingappa.—

Then, are the village schools useless ?

Third Member of Council.—

Certainly not. Only, the staff and equipment there are not up to the standard for the Lower Secondary Ex-

amination. It is no fault of Government if students go to such schools and fail.

Mr. Vemareddi.—

Are Government aware that the system of Kannada education is defective ?

Third Member of Council.—

There has been an improvement in the system.

Mr Vemareddi.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that no boy is allowed to remain for more than two years in the same class and that he is promoted to the next higher class whether qualified or not?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. Vemareddi.—

Will the Government please inquire into the matter ?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes, if there are complaints.

Mr. Vemareddi.—

Are Government aware that teachers are transferred very often?

Third Member of Council.—

The orders are that as far as possible they should not be transferred in the middle of the terms. There may be some occasions of transfer owing either to the illness of other teachers or to their promotion.

Mr. Razvi.—

On page 30, we find that there are not many Indian girls, but we find there are many European and Indian Christian girls. What is the reason for this?

Third Member of Council.—

That is because those communities are more desirous of education for their girls.

Mr. Razvi —

Are not Indian girls given proper encouragement?

Third Member of Council.—

They are. No fees are levied ; they are given scholarships. Even then many girls do not come forward.

Mr. Razvi.—

What does " Low Castes " represent ?

Third Member of Council.—

Those that do not come under " High Castes."

Mr. Anekal Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Are Government aware that the pay given to lady teachers is small and that it is due to this reason that duly qualified lady teachers do not come forward in Middle and Primary Schools ?

Third Member of Council.—

No. We shall however enquire whether it is due to inadequacy of pay.

Mr. Kesaviah.—

In the Kadur District the number of the schools is hardly sufficient for the increasing number of students. How many schools have been there in all ?

Third Member of Council.—

Districtwar information cannot be given.

This year, I think, about four more schools have been sanctioned.

MESSRS. D. S. MALLAPPA and M. BASAVIAH, (Tiptur Taluk); G. K. MALLAPPA, (Tiptur Municipality); YOOSUFF KHAN SAB, (Sira Municipality) and SOORAPPA, (Sira Taluk).

Q.—20. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What was the number of applications received from the year 1924 for admission into the Medical School and College and to what communities the applicants belonged ?